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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: BBSR, IR
SUBJ: WTDR/FTI: BUTANE CO. LTD.

REF: USDOC 00036

1. IRAN
OFFICE USE: 2. 507 3. 0011600 4. 01
5. BUTANE CO. LTD.
6. LIDA STREET, ABOVE VANAK SQUARE
7. TEHRAN
8. CONTACT: MR. SHAHIN KHALILI
9. TITLE: MANAGING DIRECTOR
OTHER OFFICIALS ARE: SAIID KHALILI
10. PHONE: 688031, 682137, 682119 11. TELEX: NA
12. CABLE: BUTANE TN
13. ESTABL: 1953 14. EMPL: 400 15. SIZE: LARGE
16. REPUTATION: (Y) GOOD 17. RPT DATE: 5/78
OFFICE USE: 18. NA 19. X 20. X
21. NA 22. NA
23A. 29110 DIST. RET. GAS, LPG, PRODUCED IN OIL REFINERIES
24. FOREIGN SALES: LOCAL ONLY
25. FINANCIAL REFS: BANK MELLI IRAN
26. TRADE REFS: SAME AS (27)
27. FOREIGN FIRMS REPRESENTED: ROBERTSHAW CONTROLS CO.,
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, GAS RANGE CONTROLS, 1964; SYLYWN PACIFIC
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COMPANY, LOS ANGELES, CALIF, GAS EQUIPMENT, 1960; TINY STEEL
CO. INC. DENTON, TEXAS, GAS VALVES, 1952; LINCOLN BRASS
WORKS, DETROIT, MICHIGAN, LP GAS FITTINGS, 1964; THE ROBERT
BRASS MFG. CO. MITCHELL, INDIAN, VALVES, 1964; NEPTUNE METER
COMPANY, NEW YORK, N.Y. GAS METERS, 1966; THE LUNKENHEIMER
CO. CINCINNATI, OHIO, GAS VALVES, 1966.
28. POST EVALUATION: BUTANE CO. HAS FAILED TO RESPOND TO

EMBASSY'S QUESTIONNAIRE FOR INFORMATION, DESPITE REPEATED ATTEMPTS. FOLLOWING REPORT, HOWEVER, IS BASED ON PREVIOUS WTDR AND INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM BANKING SOURCE: CONCERN IS ONE OF THE MAJOR DISTRIBUTORS OF LPG IN TEHRAN. IT HAS BRANCH OFFICES IN ISFAHAN, KHORRAMSHAHR AND AHWAZ FOR DISTRIBUTION OF GAS. IT OWNS A FLEET OF 25 TANKER TRUCKS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF LPG FROM THE OILFIELDS IN SOUTH OF IRAN AND OTHER PLACES IN IRAN. COMPANY HAS SEVERAL LIGHT TRUCKS FOR DELIVERY OF GAS CYLINDERS TO HOUSES FOR DOMESTIC USE. BUTANE ALSO SELLS AND INSTALLS ALL KINDS OF HOUSEHOLD AND INDUSTRIAL GAS APPARATUS SUCH AS OVENS, RANGES, FURNACES, WATER AND SPACE HEATERS AND IMPORTS ITS RAW MATERIALS FROM U.S., EUROPE AND JAPAN. BUTANE'S OFFICES HAVE RECENTLY MOVED TO A NEW LOCATION IN UPPER PART OF TEHRAN AND THE TWO SECTORS OF THE BUSINESSES HAVE SEPARATED, EACH MANAGED BY ONE OF THE KHALILI BROTHERS: 1) BUTANE CO. LTD, MANAGING DIRECTOR, MOHSEN KHALILI, DISTRIBUTES LPG. 2) BUTANE INDUSTRIAL CO., MANAGING DIRECTOR, SAIID KHALILI, IMPORTS VALVES AND FITTINGS, STEEL SHEETS, ETC. AND ASSEMBLES/MANUFACTURES GAS RANGES, GAS CYLINDERS, OVENS, ETC. THIS COMPANY OWNS A PLANT IN SOUTH OF TEHRAN. ACCORDING TO LOCAL BANKING SOURCE SUBJECT HAS REGISTERED CAPITAL OF 300 MILLION RIALS WITH "GOOD" REPUTATION. WHEN MR. MAHMOUD KHALILI, FATHER AND PRESIDENT OF BUTANE PASSED AWAY, THE FOUR SONS: MOHSEN, SAIID, SHAHIN, AND FAROKH TOOK THE BUSINESS OVER AND ENJOY A GOOD BUSINESS REPUTATION. THEY WERE EDUCATED ABROAD. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS SUBJECT FIRM AS UNCLASSIFIED

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GOOD TRADE CONTACT; HOWEVER, DUE TO UNCOOPERATIVENESS OF FIRM IN PROVIDING THE REQUIRED TRADE INFORMATION IN ORDER TO UP DATE THE REPORT, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT BUSINESS BE CONDUCTED ON A SECURED BASIS.

29. PREP: A.A. RAZBAN APPR: DAVID E. WESTLEY
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